REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action of October 8, 2004, claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15-25, 27, and 29-32 were rejected and claims 7, 9, 12, 14, 26, and 28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In the present response, Applicant cancels claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15-25, 27, and 29-33 and amend claims 7, 9, 12, 14, 26, and 28.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 16, 17, and 18 were rejected uinder 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These claims have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15-25, 27, and 29-32 (presumably claim 33 as well) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Harrison (US Patent No. 6,324,213). These claims have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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